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May 11, 2010

The Honorable Anita Alvarez
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Dear State's Attorney Alvarez:

I am appalled to learn no charges have been filed in the homicide of Anthony Kyser who was reportedly chased down an alley, beaten and strangled to death by employees of a CVS pharmacy in the Little Village neighborhood on May 8 2010.

According to the family members, eye witnesses and news accounts, an unarmed Kyser was accused of shoplifting toothpaste and crayons from the store and after fleeing from the store was pursued on foot by a store manager and others. He was accosted and placed in a chokehold where he lost consciousness and was subsequently pronounced dead. The Cook County Medical Examiner has ruled his death a homicide. This man's murder is absurd. It is beyond comprehension. What kind of society are we living in where an unarmed man's life can be taken by a group of vigilantes, with eye witness accounts, and a ruling of homicide by the medical examiner and still no one is charged and brought to justice?

Vigilante justice has no place in Chicago. I respectfully ask that your office immediate press charges against those responsible for the homicide of Anthony Kyser. Feel free to contact me regarding this matter at my District Office at 773-224-6500 or in Washington, D.C. at 202-225-4372. I look forward to immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby L. Rush".

Bobby L. Rush
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